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Application of: ALLEN *et al.*

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Examiner: Qian, Celine X.

For: TRANSGENIC MICE CONTAINING SULFOTRANSFERASE GENE DISRUPTIONS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition for the Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for response to the Office Action for a period of one month from January 23, 2003 up to and including February 24, 2003, as February 23, 2003 falls on a Sunday.

THE AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Applicants request formal cancellation of claims 11-16 and 22-25, previously withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner, which claims are drawn to non-elected inventions.

Please further cancel pending claims 26-39.

Please add new claims 40-51 as follows:

40. (New) A method of producing a transgenic mouse whose genome comprises a disruption in an endogenous sulfotransferase gene, the method comprising:

- (a) introducing a targeting construct into a mouse embryonic stem cell, wherein the targeting construct disrupts the endogenous sulfotransferase gene;
- (b) selecting a mouse embryonic stem cell whose genome comprises a disrupted sulfotransferase gene;